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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

In re the Application of

Koji MATSUKUMA

Application No.: 09/921,560

Filed: August 6, 2001

For: ETCHING MASK AND MAGNETIC HEAD DEVICE

Director of the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☐ Entitlement to small entity status is hereby asserted.
☐ Small entity status of this application has been established.

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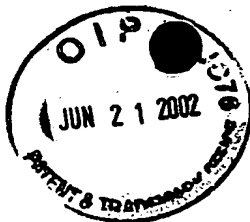
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2002, and further to the personal interview conducted on May 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please replace claims 27, 28 and 30 as follows:

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27. (Amended) An etching mask for selectively etching a workpiece, wherein the etching mask is made of a metal and has a cross-sectional shape comprising a rectangular first region that determines a pattern width of the workpiece, and a second region that contacts the first region and intercepts application of etching beams to a sidewall of the first region during etching.

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